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SUBJECT:SHOTS FIRED INTO SOVIET UN MISSION

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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE CALLED SOVIET MINISTER COUNSELOR VORONTSOV MID-DAY JANUARY 20 TO EXPRESS DEPARTMENT'S REGRET OVER JANUARY 19 INCIDENT IN WHICH SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO THE LIVING QUARTERS OF SMUN. ARMITAGE SAID WE DEPLORED THIS INCIDENT AND HAD BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ASSURED US THEY WERE VIGOROUSLY PRESSING INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT MAYOR BEAME HAD EXPRESSED HIS SHOCK AND DISMAY AND HAD ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH AN ORDER FOR FULL INVESTIGATION.

2. VORONTSOV SAID INCIDENT REPRESENTED MOST EXTREME AND WILD SORT OF BEHAVIOR AND THAT SOVIET EMBASSY WOULD PROTEST FORMALLY LATER IN DAY. HE ADDED THAT DOBRYNIN MIGHT ALSO WRITE SECRETARY A PERSONAL LETTER REGARDING INCIDENT.

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MAIN THING, VORONTSOV SAID, WAS THAT PERPETRATOR OF ACT

BE APPREHENDED AND APPROPRIATELY PUNISHED.

3. COUNSELOR MYSHKOV DELIVERED NOTE TO EUR/SOV (GARRISON)
AT END OF DAY. NOTE RECOUNTED INCIDENT, EXPRESSED "MOST
DECISIVE PROTEST OVER THIS TERRORIST ACT" AND DEMANDED

PUNISHMENT OF THE PERPETRATORS. NOTE COMMENTED THAT
THIS IS NOT THE FIRST ARMED ATTACK AGAINST SOVIET
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE US AND SAID SOVIET EMBASSY INSISTS
THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN "AT LAST" TO EXCLUDE A REPETITION
OF SUCH CRIMINAL ACTS. IN ACCEPTING NOTE, GARRISON
REITERATED REGRETS AND SAID WE SHARE SOVIET DESIRE THAT
SUCH DEPLORABLE INCIDENTS BE STOPPED. KISSINGER

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